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1. THE ONLY CHANGE IN THE COLOMBIAN LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE DEL, AS OF FEB 14 WAS THE ADDITION OF SEN GERMAN ZEA HERNANDEZ, FORMER FORNMIN AND LIBERAL PARTY LEADER AS CHAIRMAN. FONOFF SOURCES EXPECT THE LAST MINUTE ADDITION OF SEVERAL POLIT FIGURES TO THE DEL. THEY DO NOT HOWEVER HAVE ANY PRESENT INDICATIONS AS TO WHO THOSE PERSONS WILL BE.

2. SEN ZEA WHO WILL BE SEVENTY YEARS OLD ON APR 15 IS A LAWYER BY TRAINING. THE SON OF A PROMINENT LIBERAL CONGRESSMAN, HE FIRST BECAME A MEMBER OF CONGRESS IN 35. HE SERVED AS UN PERMREP 61-65 AND WAS FORNMIN FROM 66 TO 68. HE IS A STRONG POLIT FIGURE WITH A REPUTATION AS AN EFFECTIVE ADMINISTRATOR. HE HAS BEEN REGARDED AS FRIENDLY TO THE US.

3. OF PARTICULAR RELEVANCE TO THE LOS ASSIGNMENT WAS ZEA'S APPOINTMENT IN 70 AS A MEMBER OF THE COLOMBIAN NEGOTIATING TEAM THAT ATTEMPTED TO WORK OUT AN AGREEMENT WITH VENEZUELA CONCERNING THE GULF OF VENEZUELA OFFSHORE BOUNDARY DISPUTE. VAKY

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